

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

August 28, 2013

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

1999-323-C/2000-265-C

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2003-369-C/2013-252-C**SUBJECT:**

[DOCKET NO. 1999-323-C](#) - Application of Birch Communications, Incorporated (f/k/a Access Integrated Networks, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services Statewide;

[DOCKET NO. 2000-265-C](#) - Application Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications (f/k/a Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Telecom and d/b/a Birch) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Interexchange (Toll) and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina;

[DOCKET NO. 2003-369-C](#) - Application of Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC f/k/a Lightyear Communications, Incorporated for Approval of Asset Transfer and for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina and for Flexible Alternative Regulation;

-and-

[DOCKET NO. 2013-252-C](#) - Joint Application of Birch Communications, Incorporated; Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications and Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC for Approval to Transfer Assets - Return Date Has Expired with No Intervention. Discuss with the Commission the Applicant's Motion for Expedited Review.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Grant the Motion for Expedited Review; based on the application and verified testimony of Christopher J. Bunce, approve the joint application of Birch Communications, Inc., Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications and Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC for the transfer of certain of Lightyear's telecommunications assets and South Carolina customer base to Birch Communications. This approval is conditional on Lightyear's compliance with any regulatory obligations. Lightyear shall notify the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff within thirty (30) days of completion of the asset transfer.

PRESIDING: HamiltonSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
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HALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

